

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In the Application of:

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Willis

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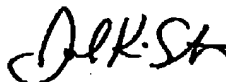
**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.136(a)**Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Applicants hereby request that the time for filing a response to the Office Action dated July 15, 2002, be extended for a period of four (4) months to December 16, 2002 as December 15, 2002 is a Sunday. The Commissioner is authorized to charge the required \$1,440.00 fee, and any other necessary fee, or to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 09-0089. A copy of this paper is attached for that purpose.

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I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231, on the date indicated below.

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